U-BOAT AGAIN

SERIOUS RIOTING HAS DEVELOPED IN VIENNA, MOB LOOTING BAKESHOPS AND STONING PREMIER'S RESIDENCE

Disturbance Was in Protest Against the Reduction of Bread Ration-Cavalry is Being Rushed to the Capital to Restore Order

MARTIAL LAW IS EXPECTED TO BE DECLARED SOON

BRITISH PATROL

FRENCH WORRYING

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oners Last Night.

of importance on the rest of the front.

BACK CAPO SILE

Told of Important Capture of Ter-

ritory Which Was Recently

Won By the Austrians.

have regained all the territory between

Austro-Hungarians, it is declared, have

been confined to the ground between the Fossetta canal and the Sile canal on the

AUSTRIA DOOMED TO FAILURE.

French Press is Optimistic About the

Offensive in Italy.

ance of the Italians and their France-British allies leads the French press to

conclude that the Austrians cannot avoid

defeat, especially as well-directed coun-

ture of thousands of prisoners and much

A Havas dispatch from Rome says

Italy has achieved a great double vic-tory, alluding to the recent naval ex-

ploit in the Adriatic and the present

zendorff, supported by Emperor Charles, assured the German leader that an Aus-

a great chance of success and would be

received joyfully by the dual monarchy. This point of view was finally accepted

WANTS RUSSIA SAVED.

Russian Ambassador to France Appeals

to the Allies.

sile Maklakoff, the Russian ambassador

to France, reiterates in an interview

printed in the Petit Journal his appeal

to the allies for intervention in Russia,

June 20 (Havas Agency).-Ba-

by the German supreme command.

Late in March, says the Echo de Paris,

Field Marshal Conrad Von Hoet-

ter attacks have resulted in the cap-

Paris, June 20.-The splendid resist-

Senson and the Fossetta canal.

west bank of the Piave river.

Austro-Hungarians.

material.

checking of the Austrians.

ITALIANS WIN

Made Several Raids Last Night and In-

Numerous Clashes.

flicted Losses on Germans in

VEHEMENT PROTESTS PRECEDED RIOTS

Bread Allotment to Each Person in the Austrian

London, June 20 .- Serious rioting broke out in Vienna yesterday, says an Exchange dispatch from Amsterdam. The mob broke into a number of bakeries, stoned the residence of the pre mier, and also one of the wings of the Hofburg palace, the message adds.

Cavalry is being rushed to the capital to restore order. It is said that martial law would be proclaimed. The rioting was in protest against the reduction of the bread ration.

There have been reports from various canal. sources recently of troubles in Austria notably in the capital, because of the bread ration reduction forced by the failure of the Ukrainian grain supplies.

The bread allotment to each individual in the city of Vienna is now less than 11/2 pounds weekly, it was stated in a dispatch from Copenhagen on Tuesday.

Protests against this rationing have been vehement from various quarters. the Vienna city council on Tuesday and the Oise river last night and captured 20 prisoners, says the official state when the council also made vigorous proment issued to-day. There was nothing council also made vigorous protest-by the passage of a resolution re-newing its demand for a speedy general

Strikes in Vienna and elsewhere have been the outgrowth of the situation, according to reports from Switzerland, and fears have been expressed in Austrian reigned on the rest of the front." quarters that what would virtually amount to a great strike was imminent. In a recent labor demonstration in Vienna the police had to be called upon to disperse the rioters, it was said. Austria it appears, is entering the new harvest year without any reserve stocks what ever and is dependent upon Germany for such scanty supplies as she is re-ceiving. Germany, herself, however, is reported so short of stocks that she able to extend little help. Seemingly there are still supplies in Hungary, from which Austria might derive some small assistance, but appeals to the Hungarian authorities do not appear to have brought results.

INTENSE EXCITEMENT.

Dual Monarchy Greatly Disturbed By Reduced Bread Ration.

Amsterdam, June 20.-Vienna patches to German newspapers say that he reduction of the bread ration in Aus tria-Hungary caused intense excitement throughout the dual monarchy. All Austrian newspapers without distinction of party protest against the measure, de-mand its removal and ask immediate help from Germany and Hungary.

The party committee of the German Socialists in Austria has addressed an urgent appeal to the workers to await decision of the Vienna labor council and to abstain from all excesses or in terruption of work. The appeal adds that the committee will make a sharp protest against the reduction of the bread ration and says it will decline all responsibility for the enforcement of the

NUMERICAL EQUALITY WITH FOE COMING SOON

Premier Clemenceau Says That Continuous Arrival of Americans Is Going to Turn Balance Shortly.

Paris, June 20 (Havas agency) .- Talk ing to the parliamentary army commission to-day on the military situation, Premier Clemenceau alluded to the Amercan military effort, which he said was being constantly sustained and which was resulting in the steady and safe arrival in France of large numbers of American reinforcements. He spoke also of new decisions made by the British government regarding measures to be taken during the next German offensive and upon the situation as regarded the

defense of Paris. Leon Abrami, under-secretary for effectives, of the war department, gave de-tails of the military strength of the entente, and his revelations, together with the statements made by the premier, had a most reassuring effect upon the com- and betrayed Russia to resist the Ger- Austrians in their rear communications. manders. The members of the committee, mans. To help the Bolsheviki would be affecting the transportation of artillery,

CAPTIVE AUSTRIANS ARE A SORRY LOT

Thin and Weak, Their Clothing Falling Apart, Their Shirts Were Rags, They Tell of Suffering for Food.

Italian Army Headquarters, Wednes-day, June 19 (by Associated Press).— That Austria's drive against Italy is positively a "hunger offensive" bas been proved by new orders and addresses found upon prisoners. These were signed by officers, ranging from Field Marshal Conrad von Hoetzendork down to regimental commanders. One, which was is-sued by the commander of the famous and was pursued by the U-boat. regiment bearing the name of Archduke Charles, says:

"Soldiers, remember the spoils we got last fall from the Italians, the sheep, gers. cows, steers, warehouses full of good clothes and grocery stores full of wines, ance canned goods, flour and sugar. Think of since ships were sunk by submarine atyou may win for all."

The correspondent has visited groups of hundreds of prisoners, all of whom PARTIES ACTIVE are thin and weak. They said they had had little food for the past month and spoke with horror of the winter months they had passed. A sample of their black bread showed it was made of rye straw London, June 20 .- British raiding par- and potatoes.

ties were active in several sectors along Many of the prisoners have strong the front last night, taking prisoners well-spiked shoes, but these they claim Capital Is Now Less Than the front last night, taking prisoners and inflicting losses upon the Germans in numerous clashes, the war office announced to-day.

The statement says:

the front last night, taking prisoners and they made themselves or bought. Their clothes, however, are falling apart, having been patched frequently. Most of them have mere rags for shirts. The man-The statement says:

"A number of raids were carried out by us last night in the neighborhood of Boyelles (southeast of Arras), Lens and Gibles (southeast of Arras), Lens and Gibles (southeast of Arras). jority of the prisoners have money, but

venchy, and in the Strazeele and Ypres sectors (in Flanders). Certain of these enterprises led to sharp fighting, in which the enemy suffered many casualties. We captured 18 prisoners and three machine and is made of a zine composition. The "In the neighborhood of Morlanicourt prisoners part readily with these medals, (northeast of Amiens) a hostile raiding saying they have no pride in them, for party was caught by our artillery and rifle fire and dispersed. "The hostile artillery has been active a few pennies of Italian money. Most of the captured men are young and light haired, and generally have bad teeth.

between the Somme and the Ancre and The Italian soldiers tell humorous stoconsiderable artillery activity developed during the night on both sides north of ries of captures effected by persuading the Austrians they would be well fed. One Italian officer, who had been wound-Albert and in the sector of LaBassee ed and picked up by a group of Austrians who intended to make him prisoner, ex-plained how foolish they were. He said: GERMAN LINES "Come with me, and you will get meat, Turks. Only the meagre account of the Entered Trenches Between Montdidier the offensive the Austrians in the front Paris, June 20.—French troops entered hungry that they are all on the first day. the German lines between Montdidier

IS VERY STRONG

The statement:
"French detachments penetrated the Realizing That the Austrian Offensive front lines between Montdidier and the Has Failed, They Are Resisting His Further Efforts Desperately.

Italian Army Headquarters, Wednes day, June 19 (By Associated Press).— Realization that the Austrian offensive has failed is spurring the Italian troops to a desperate resistance along the Piave WEST OF PIAVE Heavy fighting continued to day around the Montello plateau on the north and near San Dona di Piave on the south. On Montello, which is hilly and wood ed, the opposing forces frequently stum-

News Received in London This Afternoon bled upon each other unexpectedly. Such meetings always result in sharp encoun-The spirit of the Italian troops is at high pitch despite wounds, loss of sleep and constant movements made necessary

don this afternoon that the Italians have regained Capo Sile, the town on the lagoon to the west of the Piave river near FRENCH REJOICE its mouth, which was captured by the OVER BIG VICTORY It is also reported that the Italians

London, June 20 .- News reached Lon- by the conditions of the terrain at sev-

Consider the Failure of German Attack on Rheims as an Augury of Good Things for the Allies

Paris, June 20.-The sanguinary demilitary experts, notes, are displaying particular satisfac tion over the outcome, regarding it as

by the defenders, and to remarkable artillery barrage fire, the notable resistance plies from Bessarabia and Hungary. of the infantry and the irresistible counter attacks of the brave colonial troops under General Gouraud.

marks.

Von Hindenburg demanded that Austrian divisions be sent to the French ITALIANS CONTROL AIR.

Not a Single Austrian Machine Aloft trian offensive against Italy would have Over Piave Line.

Italian Army Headquarters, Wednesday, June 19.—(By Associated Press).— The Italians have won air control along the Piave line, where the most deter-mined fighting of the present offensive is in progress. This afternoon not a Austrian machine was aloft on

Prisoners taken by isfactory to them. the Italians all declare the Austrian army has little food. Some of the prisoners had not eaten for 48 hours.

saying such action is absolutely neces-sary. "The future of Russia depends on victory for the entente allies, which will has destroyed several pontoon bridges

PLAN TO FIGHT OFF NEW YORK

but Failed

MENACED SHIP HAD 57 PASSENGERS

er's Appearance So Far North Since May 25

An Atlantic Port, June 20 .- An Amerian steamer arriving here to-day from Central America, reported that at 4 p. m. yesterday, when 180 to 200 miles south of Sandy Hook, she sighted a submarine The captain said he put on full speed,

zigzagged and escaped by outdistancing the U-boat. His ship carried 57 pa-sen-This is the first report of the appear ance of a German raider so far north

ESCAPED SUBMARINE OFF SOUTH CAROLINA

Coastwise Passenger Steamship Got Away from U-Boat Because of Superior Speed.

A Gulf Port, June 20 .- A coastwise assenger steamship arriving here re ports having encountered a German submarine last Saturday off the coast of South Carolina. The steamer made good her escape because of superior speed.

NO HASTY ACTION IS ANTICIPATED AGAINST TURKEY

State Department Will Wait for Further Information Regarding Seizure of the American Consulate at Tabriz.

Washington, D. C., June 20. - Through Spain and Sweden, the American government to-day sought further information regarding the seizure of the American usulate at Tabriz, Persia, and the loot ng of an American hospital there by incident contained in a despatch from pany.

The wages range from 40 to 70 cents whole party went over to the Italian Minister Caldwell at Teheran has reached lines. It is said that at the beginning of the state department.

There will be no hasty action by the line each received three rations of meat, United States toward recognizing what one for each day of the attack until they may have been an act of war and thereby adding Turkey to the nation's ene-mies. A complete and official report will be awaited before the state department lays before President Wilson the information upon which he will base a decision as to whether he will ask Congress for another war declaration.

Appearing before the Senate foreign re lations committee to-day in regard to CARRYING TELEGRAMS another matter, Secretary Lansing discussed the Tabriz incident with the mem bers of the committee.

AMERICAN SICK AND WOUNDED COME

During Two Weeks 61 Members of American Epeditionary Forces Have Returned to American Hospitals.

Washington, D. C., June 20 .- Sixty one sick and wounded men of the American forces were returned to the United States for treatment in the two weeks ending June 14, the surgeon general's office announced to-day. The men have been sent to reconstruction hospitals.

AUSTRIA'S GRAIN SUPPLY RUNS OUT

What She Is Getting Now Comes from Ukraine, Under Agreement with

London, June 20.-Austria's grain sup feat suffered by the Germans before plies have completely run out and such ters and other messages by train rather than by wire and delivering them the newspapers as an excellent augury for coming from what Germany has allotted following morning with all the marks of newspapers as an excellent augury for coming from what Germany has allotted the allies in the operations to come. The to her from the Ukrainian supplies, acthe Havas agency cording to indications in a Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph comtion over the outcome, regarding it as pany. This message quotes an interview further proof of the exhaustion of the with Herr Paul, the Austrian food mincrown prince's army, which is showing ister, obtained by the Vienna correspond itself incapable of prolonged efforts. ent of the Berlin Tageblatt in which the The commentators, however, do not minister confirmed the news of the recent seek to minimize the ability displayed reduction in the Austrian bread ration. This, he said, was due to insufficient sup-

The entire 1917 harvest from these sources had been distributed and conumed, the minister stated, and the Ru-"Never did so important an attack fail manian harvest had also been used up, so completely," the Petit Journal re-bringing the entire process of replenishment to a full stop, the government, therefore being obliged to reduce the ra-

REVENUE HEARINGS EXTENDED. Will Not Be Concluded Until Friday, June 28.

Washington, D. C., June 20.—Revenue hearings before the House ways and means committee have been extended another week, the plan now being to close them Friday, June 28. No witnesses were examined to-day. Arrangements for a In general the situation of the Anstri. recess of Congress while the committee ans along the Plave appears far from sat. is engaged in framing the bill in legislative session during July will be made soon, according to word passed by leaders to their colleagues.

NO PRISONER EXCHANGE.

Because United States Cannot Arrange

It with Germany. Washington, D. C., June 20 .- Failure thus far of efforts to reach an agree-

AUSTRIANS

Chased American Steamer Thousands of Czech-Slovaks
from Central America

Are on Their Way to

attended by a large number of people. The program was well carried out and the participants showed good progress under the instruction of Miss Lease and Miss Morse. United States

> AFTER DESERTING FROM AUSTRIAN ARMY

from Russia Brings

Grunberg, members of the mission, reached here late last night en route home. The party left Moscow May 14. While Lieutenant Colonel Robbins said

would make no statement until he had conferred with the state department, Sweet o' the Year," by Marjorie Worces-unofficial members of the party assert-ter; Goring Thomas' "The Viking's ed that thousands of Czech-Slovaks are Daughter" and Lalo's "The Bond Maid." on their way to the United States to offer their services against Austria.

These men, it was said, had been con-

scripted by Austria when war was de clared, but at the first opportunity they had deserted to the Russians, remain-ing with the latter until the Brest-Litovsk peace treaty was signed. The treaty being unsatisfactory to them, they decided to come to the United States and offer their services.

Eervy courtesy was shown the party Bolsheviki government, it stated. A private car was furnished ceived and many would have been en-them at Moscow, notwithstanding the cored had that been permitted. scarcity of rolling stock on the Trans-Siberian railroad and they made the journey to Vladivostok in record time.

AIRPLANE MACHINISTS THREATEN STRIKE

Eight Hundred Will Go Out at Buffalo if Their Day is Not Shortened and Their Pay Lengthened.

Buffalo, N. Y., June 20.—Eight hundred machinists and tool makers at the plant of the Curtiss Aeroplane and Motor corporation to-day voted to strike unless granted demands which include an eight-hour day and as higher wages as paid in the navy for similar work. The men also demand the reinstatement of men alleged to have been discharged last month when federal intervention temporarily delayed a crisis in the difficulties between the men and the com-

an hour. The navy yard cale, which the men demand, grades up to 81 cents an

hour for special work.

The strike went into effect at the main plant of the Curtiss corporation at 10 o'clock. Two hundred men, according to union leaders, laid down their tools. Ma chinists at other plants will becalled out at noon, it was announced. James E. It Had For Kepperley, general manager, met a committee of the men at 10 o'clock.

Is the Charge Made Against Traveling Agents of Western Union Telegraph Co., Who Were Arrested To-day on Trains.

Washington, D. C., June 20 .- Postal traveling agents of the Western Union Telegraph company on trains between Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington and seized suit cases they were carrying filled with messages filed for transmission by tele-

This practice, which is said to have been in operation by the telegraph com-pany for some time, is considered a vioation of postal laws forbidding persons not connected with the postal serv ice from conducting a traffic in communi-

cations over regular post roads.

The facts discovered will be presented to grand juries and officials of the telegraph company, who will be summoned to explain. The penalty for violation of the postal laws is a fine of \$500 or six months' imprisonment.

Postal authorities for several weeks have investigated reports that the telegraph company was sending night let-

Owing to the extreme rush of telegraph message business in recent months, the company found it impossible to transmit all messages offered by wire, It is said, and resorted to this method, that he was considered a deserter by the using fast trains between eastern cit-ics. So far as is disclosed by the postal authorities, the system was not used extensively in other parts of the country, althought investigation will be made to determine its extent.

The number of agents taken to-day was not announced by the postoffice de-partment. It intimated, however that the men had been followed in their trips from city to city for some time and their schedules of delivery had been carefully The routes and schedules had been sys-

tematized, it is said, so that the mes-sages were delivered about as quickly as if they had been sent by wire. The raids on the train agents were planned for this morning, and all were made simultaneously. Definite charges have not been made against some of the men, it was explained, pending determi-nation of the extent of their knowledge of what they were about. Whether any high officials of the Western Union company were familiar with the practice and sanctioned it, was not disclosed.

EVIDENCE OF TREASON.

Said to Be Secured Against Sinn Feiners Recently Arrested.

London, June 20 .- Edward Short, chief says L'Homme Libre, were particularly to play Germany's propaganda game. The allies must help the Bolsheviki would be amounted to-day by impressed by the figures given of the districts where the Bolsheviki and of the American troops, which, it predicts, will shortly bring about numerical equality with the enemy.

Inable of Commons to-day that there was sufficient evidence against the Sinn Feiners for to-day to act on the Jones prohibition for the districts where the Bolsheviki and of the Piave river continue to implore ican representatives to get in touch with recently arrested to enable their prosecution of Commons to-day that there was sufficient evidence against the Sinn Feiners for to-day to act on the Jones prohibition recently arrested to enable their prosecution.

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In all to play Germany's propaganda game. The allies must help the populations of the districts where the Bolsheviki and of the Austrians fighting south the state department. Inability of American representatives to get in touch with the century of Commons to-day that there was sufficient evidence against the Sinn Feiners for to-day to act on the Jones prohibition for treason, but that it was mot device the Sinn Feiners for the districts where the Bolsheviki and of the Piave river continue to the Sinn Feiners for the districts where the Bolsheviki and the Jones prohibition for the districts where the Bolsheviki and of the Bolsheviki and the Jones

GOOD RECITAL GIVEN. Pleasing Feature of Goddard Commence

ment Held Last Evening. The annual recital given by the music department of Goddard seminary in connection with commencement was held last evening in the school hall and was

The girls' glee club furnished some of the most pleasing quarts of the program, singing Schumann's "Gypsy Life," and, with a double quartet, Housley's "Twi-light Dreams." The double quartet dis-tinguished itself in Shelley's "De Coppah Moon" and Platte's "Comin, Thro' the

This Is First Report of Raid- American Red Cross Mission Brahms' "Academic Festival Overture," Thousands of Dollars' Damplayed by Rachel Hollister, Alice Reed, Marian Anker and Kathleen O'Leary; Information

Information

Marian Anker and Kathleen O'Leary; "Murmuring Zephyrs," by Kathleen O'Leary; Mendelssohn's "Rondo Capriccioso," by Marian Anker; Whelpley's "In the Forest" and "Dance of the Gnomes," by Kathleen O'Leary and Miss Lease; LaForge's "Romance," by Florence Canton; St. Saens "Mazurka," by Mary Allen; Grieg's "Wedding Day at Troldhaugen," by Alice Reed; and Liszt's reached here late last night en route "Venizia e Napoli" and Chopin's "Fan-

"Venizia e Napoli" and Chopin's "Fan-taisie," by Rachel Hollister. The vocal numbers were: Ewing's "I'm Calling, Love for You" and Salter's "The by Teressa Carroll; Huntington Woodman's "Dove Wings" and Neidlinger's a year ago to-morrow that a late frost "Song of Spring," by Natalie Jameson; ruined hundreds of war gardens in this vicinage and caused thick layers of navy Jameson and Teressa Carroll; Metcalf's blue to enter into the pscyhological at-"The Little Cares of Yesterday" and Carrie Jacob Bond's "A Little Pink Rose," by Annie Sargent; Thomas' Thou Know That Sweet Land? (Mig-fflon)," by Arlene Jeffords; D'Hardelot's "Afterwards, Love" and Lyndon Wright's

From reports which had their origin in A Song of Joy," by Elizabeth Bingham. Each number was enthusiastically re-

W. S. S. DRIVE IN BARRE.

Those Who Canvassed in the War Chest Drive Meeting Friday Evening.

Opening guns in the campaign which is expected to fill Barre's quota of war savings stamp investments will be fired at a meeting to be held in Howland hall Friday evening at 8 o'clock, arrangements for the rally having been completed this afternone. Census data used in the successful war chest campaign just completed has been placed at the disposal of the stamp committee, and the cards used in the chest canvass will be carefully examined. It is expected that everybody who served as a canvasser in the war chest campaign will be present to-morrow evening. Fred A. Howland of Montpelier, state director of the war stamp campaign, and Frank G. Howland of this city, the county director, are among those who will speak.

It is earnestly hoped that all persons interested in the drive next week, especially those who were associated in committee and canvass work with the war chest campaign, will endeavor to be pres

ORDER PROMPTLY RESCINDED.

/ Increase Rates. Washington, D. C., June 20 .- The interstate commerce commission to-day

handed down an order refusing to grant FILED FOR THE WIRE the express companies application for 10 per cent increase in rates, and a few

year as proof of their need. Shippers' innspectors to-day arrested a number of terests made little objection to the proposed increase in hearings before the commission, and it had been concluded the commission would permit the in-

Representatives of the express companies and of shippers expressed surprise shell shortage, had their innings to-day. regarding the decision to-day. A few minntes later the commission announced that William, who is playing at the Park just a mistake had been made, but declined to now and therefore should be available say whether the decision might be re- for purposes of revenge, is getting all the versed on further consideration.

GAVE HIMSELF UP.

Stay in Woods.

this town, who suddenly disappeared liamstown acre after acre of corn, beans when the summons came from the local and potatoes was laid low, and farmers telegraphic transmission. The practice support himself for an indefinite period is about past. was reported to have extended to even by hunting and shooting. He came out On the west hill the havor wrought some day messages, intended for imand was then urged by his brothers and faded field beans, withered tomato

MUST SAVE NEWSPRINT.

government.

Publishers in United States Again are Warned by Government.

Washington, D. C., June 20 .- Publishers were again urged by the federal trade commission to reduce consumption of news print paper in a statement to day showing there was no great saving in May following a previous state-

ment. There was some improvement in con ditions in May, but the consumption still was so heavy that there was very little gain in newsprint stocks and the consumption of periodical paper by maga-zine and periodical publishers exceeded iomestic production. A total of 24,313,-769 copies was printed daily by 653 newspapers reporting in May. The week-ly circulation reports was 7,755,101 copes and monthly 9,713,861.

DEFERRED TILL FRIDAY.

Jones Prohibition Amendment to Emergency Agricultural Bill.

Washington, D. C., June 20.-Because

CROPS RUINED BY HAP TROST

Register (s at the U. S. Wer Bureau in orthfield

COLDEST JUNE DAY RECORDED THERE

age Done All Over Vermont

With summer almost ready to swim to the ken of a year that has been a conspicuous failure so far as weather is oncerned, the heavy hand of the frost king lay over the landscape at daybreak to-day. People who make a business of remembering Black Fridays and Blue Mondays say that the early twenties of June will long be remembered for their crop-strangling propensities, for it was a year ago to-morrow that a late frost mosphere of farmers hereabout. The same cerulean hue superseded the frosty

From reports which had their origin in several sections, it is evident that Washington county was badly frost bitten last night. Potatoes, tomatoes, field beans and corn figured in the larger casualty lists. The mercury slumped to 26 degrees above zero in the coldest spots and the frost which the Free and Accepted Order of Crepe Hangers has been, hollerin' about for a fortnight exacted dire toll. Old farmers scorned at inquiries as to whether frost had damaged their preserves. "It was a freeze-up," they countered in tones that carried both asperity and disdain. Small war garden ers here in town who subscribe to more than one paper had enough news print on hand to mantle their patches, but out in the countryside nothing availed to save the grain and vegetable growers from heavy losses.

It will not be surprising if the damage runs into the thousands. Larger than ever is the acreage under cultivation in Washington county, and because clouds and windy weather in a June that thus far has been but a shambling futility of a June had hitherto intervened against frost ravages, the mercury recession last night found many unprepared. Valley farms escaped the paralyzing grip of the frost, but the vegetation there was not unscathed, although a heavy fog sought the topographical recesses and lingered there until well after sun-up. The fog spelled salvation for some farmers.

There are no two people who agree to minus 50 or minus 85 on the coldest day last Winter, and likewise accounts differ as to the degrees of chill which pervaded the air last night. Officially the government weather bureau at Northfield reports a temperature of 28, the coldest June day on record there. minutes later withdrew the order with-out explanation.

The leading express companies applied degrees above the zero mark and ice last fall for permission to raise their formed solidly in a receptacle on her rates ten per cent. citing decreased earnings and even actual deficits in the last northern exposure. On the east side of the city careful recorders deposed to readings of 26 and 28. Thirty obtained in other quarters. At the Morrison farm there was weather enough to lay a filmy

coating of ice over a small pond. Chronic pin-prickers who worry about airplane scandals, embalmed beef and They declaimed to the effect that Kaiser breaks. And forsooth, a squint in almost any direction where soil has been turned over seemed to bolster up their forgodsaking. North, east, south and west it Army Deserter Had First Planned to not pinehed by the frost. If anything, its chilly breath was less death-dealing to the northward, but none of the towns St. Johnsbury, June 20.-Chief of Po- at the upper end of the county seem to lice Finley has just returned from Camp have escaped. Along the Wells River line Devens, where he took Ernest H. Cox of came reports of a heavy frost. In Wilcame reports of a heavy frost. In Wil-

> corn, which had barely pushed its way through the soil to daylight, was affected less than the earlier corn. Potatoes were scourged and growers were considering the feasibility of lopping off the plants in an effort to save them. In rare instances potatoes had blossomed only to fade before the hoary breath of the frost king. Beans were also in bad, and it is expected that the entire bean crop will have to be replanted -

Over on the East Montpelier road the experience of James E. Mitchell, a large-market gardener, was the experience of others. Beans and tomatoes were ruined Potatoes were dealt! a death blow and corn perished for the want of heat. Up South Barre way one might hear the same sorry tales. An unusually large acreage of beans succumbed. Everywhere, however, farmers were hoping that midday, with the sun doing busi-ness at its well known stand, would reyeal a few stalks that had succeeded in brightening the corner where they are, and that leaves sadly nipped by frost might perk up a bit. It was the unanimous opinion on all sides that the sun might succeed where applications of cold water and the use of other restoratives

Boston, June 20 .- Heavy frost did much damage to crops in Vermont last

night. Official reports to the weather bureau here to-day told of unusually low temperature in many sections, North field. Vt., resording 28 the lowest mark for June in the history of the bureau, Burlington, Vt., and Concord, N. H., also reported frosts.